[English]

Opening of Telegraph and Post Offices in Pune District of Maharashtra

4013. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for opening of telegraph and post offices in Pune District of Maharashtra during 1990-91;

(b) whether the target has been fully achieved and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of telegraph and post offices likely to be opened during 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) A target of 4 Telegraph offices and 6 Post Offices was fixed for Pune District for the year 1990-91.

(b) One Telegraph Office and 5 Post Offices have been opened. The delay in opening the remaining offices has been due to non-availability of suitable accommodation.

(c) It is proposed to open 3 Telegraph Offices and 10 Post Offices in Pune District during the year 1991-92.

Conversion of Telephone Exchanges into Electronics in Pune

4014. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of electronic and other telephone exchanges in Pune, Maharashtra;

(b) whether there is any proposal to convert all the exchanges into electronic one;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) There are 15 exchanges in Pune, out of which 5 are electronic exchanges.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Because all the non-electronic exchanges are not due for replacement.

Mechanisation and Automation of Postal Operations

4015. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK:
SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to mechanise and automate the postal operations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and States and Union Territories which will be covered under this scheme; and

(c) if so, the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) There is a proposal to instal counter machines in selected Post Offices. There is also a proposal to instal mail sorting machines in Bombay.

(b) The list of selected Post Offices is not yet finalised.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Oppening of New Branch Post Offices in Himachal Pradesh

4016. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of the proposals for opening the new branch post offices and upgrading the existing branch post offices into sub post offices in Himachal Pradesh during 1990-91; and

(b) the details of those proposals cleared so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The detailed information is furnished in the attached Statement.